

Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, D.C.

PUBLIC HEARING - September 16, 1970

Appeal No. 10525 Nannie Helen Burroughs School, Inc., appellant.

THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, appellee.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Order of the Board was entered at the meeting of September 22, 1970.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER - Sept. 30, 1970

ORDERED:

That the appeal for permission to relocate and modify plans for school, granted by BZA Order 9538, effective March 26, 1968 at 501 - 50th Street, NE., Lots 815,30,31,807,808,28,820,821, 817,818, Square 5194, be granted.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The subject property is located in an R-5-A District.
2. The Nannie Helen Burroughs School was established in 1907 by the person for whom the school is named and the National Baptist Convention.
3. The site comprises a six acre tract and was organized as a training school for women and girls where mission work for duties here and abroad, Sunday school work and domestic service is taught.
4. The existing school campus has a chapel, a dormitory, several classroom buildings, a residence for the president and related utility and maintenance facilities. The grounds comprise some 227,768 square feet of which 52,825 square feet are now occupied by building which will remain. This includes the proposed new building.
5. The appellant proposes to modify and relocate the three (3) story classroom building (Administration building) as approved under BZA Order 9538, effective March 26, 1968 (See BZA Exhibit No. 8).

6. The proposed new building will include, in addition to administrative offices, a gymnasium with supporting locker rooms and shower facilities. The building will also include a pre-school center for 80 children and 12 classrooms and a kitchen.

7. The proposed new building will contain a total of 49,510 square feet an increase of 18,202 square feet over the original building because of the gymnasium.

8. The appellant will raze nine (9) existing frame buildings to make way for the new structure. The proposed relocation will remove the building from bordering 50th Street and place it on top of the hill, creating a more open, viable grouping of buildings.

9. Appellant requested the Board to amend its appeal to include additional parking in front of the proposed building.

10. No opposition to the granting of this appeal was registered at the public hearing.

OPINION:

We are of the opinion that the relocation and modification of the school addition is so located and the activities therein will be such that the school will not likely become objectionable to nearby and adjoining property. We further believe that the school will not affect adversely the public good or impair the intent, purpose and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map.

It is our further opinion that the proposed parking in front of the proposed building will not create any dangerous or otherwise objectionable traffic conditions and that the present character and future development of the neighborhood will not be adversely affected.

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
PATRICK E. KELLY  
Secretary of the Board